

I CLAIM:

1. A heat-dissipating device adapted for use with a portable computer that includes a host module and a display module connected pivotally to the host module,
5 said heat-dissipating device comprising:

a support member including a box body having a bottom wall and a peripheral wall that extends upwardly from a periphery of said bottom wall, said box body being formed with an air inlet and an air outlet, said peripheral wall being adapted to support the host module
10 of the portable computer thereon; and

a fan unit mounted on said box body and operable so as to draw air into said box body through said air inlet and so as to discharge the air in said box body through
15 said air outlet.

2. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said air inlet is formed in said bottom wall of said box body, and said air outlet is formed in said peripheral wall of said box body.

20 3. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said fan unit is mounted on said bottom wall, is disposed in said box body, and is registered with said air inlet.

4. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 3,
25 wherein said peripheral wall includes an outer wall portion extending from said bottom wall, and an inner wall portion fitted in said outer wall portion, said

inner wall portion configuring said box body with a lower receiving space proximate to said bottom wall, and an upper receiving space in spatial communication with said lower receiving space and larger than said lower receiving space,

said upper receiving space having dimensions sufficient to receive the host module of the portable computer fittingly therein.

5. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 4,
10 wherein said air outlet is formed through said inner and outer wall portions and is registered with said lower receiving space.

6. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 4,
15 wherein said box body further has a connector hole that is formed through said inner and outer wall portions and that is registered with said upper receiving space.

7. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 6,
further comprising a plug fitted removably in said connector hole.

20 8. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 1,
further comprising a fragrance dispenser mounted in said box body.

9. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 8,
25 wherein said fragrance dispenser is disposed adjacent to said air outlet.

10. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 1,
wherein said support member further includes a set of

foot posts mounted on said bottom wall of said box body.

11. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a detecting circuit that includes a temperature sensor for detecting temperature in said box body.

5 12. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said temperature sensor is a thermistor.

13. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said detecting circuit is coupled to said fan unit and is configured to control operating speed of said fan unit according to the temperature in said box body.

10 14. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said detecting circuit is configured to generate an alarm output according to the temperature in said box body.

15 15. The heat-dissipating device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a control switch mounted on said box body and coupled to said fan unit, said control switch being operable so as to control operating speed of said fan unit.